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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 97,008-W)

In re Application of:) <u>Examiner:</u> Lyle Alexander
Copeland ct al) Group Art Unit: 1743
Serial No.: 09/931,513) Fax No.: 703-872-9306
Filed: August 16, 2001)) No. Of Pages: 8
For: Automated Biological Reaction Apparatus)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

- 1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a. Reply to March 1, 2005 Official Action
- 2. With respect to fees:
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- 3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being transmitted to the USPTO facsimile number 703-872-9306, according to 37 CFR 1.6(d) addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on May 27, 2005.

Respectfully submixted,

Date: May 27, 2005

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Reaction Apparatus

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the March 1, 2005 Official Action for the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.